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ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY TECHNOLOGY IN TEXTILE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government has assessed the amount likely to be spent on adoption of environment friendly technology in textile industry including handloom, handicraft and powerloom;

(b) if so, the details thereof including contribution of foreign exchange in it; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for adoption of such technology during Tenth Five-Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Textiles is promoting environmental protection in Textile Sector through its Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS). Under this scheme a 5% interest is reimbursed to the textile industry for procurement of various pollution control equipment like effluent treatment plants, electrostatic precipitators, bag filters, ventilation systems, wet scrubbers etc.

In addition, Govt. of India has also introduced a Textile Centre Development Scheme (TCIDS) for plugging critical infrastructure gaps to make textile processing units globally competitive. The central assistance under the scheme, subject to maximum of Rs. 20 crore, is available to the extent of 100% funding of critical components of the projects in respect of a Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) whereas other components are funded on 75 : 25 basis between Centre and State agencies. Projects worth Rs. 77.15 Crore have already been sanctioned under this scheme till June 2005.

The Central Pollution Control Board under Ministry of Environment & Forests, in concurrence with the State Pollution Control Boards, is implementing various pollution control norms by taking cognizance of violations and promoting adoption of appropriate technology by the textile industry.